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 PALMERTON ZINC NPL SITE
 PALMERTON BOROUGH, CARBON CO., PA 18071

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I. SITUATION (AS OF 24 MAY 1996)
 EVENT: ROUTINE REMOVAL OPERATIONS

A. PALMERTON INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION SITE OPERATIONS
 CONTINUED THIS PERIOD (20 MAY THROUGH 24 MAY) WITH
 EXTERIOR CLEANUP WORK AT THREE LOCATIONS.

B. COSTS TO DATE (DATES)

	UTILIZED	CEILING
EPA DIRECT 05/24/96	\$ 77,096	\$ 83,800
EPA INDIRECT 05/24/96	\$ 142,724	\$ 150,000
OTHER 05/24/96	\$ 175,071	\$ 200,000
TAT 5/24/96	\$ 301,672	\$ 400,000
ERCS 5/24/96	\$ 2,031,197	\$ 2,400,000
UNALLOCATED		\$ 344,538
TOTAL	\$ 2,727,760	\$ 3,628,338

C. TALLY

	1996	TOTAL
LOCATIONS SAMPLED	19	229
EXT. STARTED	5	63
EXT. COMPLETED	5	63
INT. STARTED	0	66
INT. COMPLETED	0	66

D. THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY INTEREST CONTINUES TO SUGGEST THAT
 ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE ANTICIPATED
 WORK. ADDITIONALLY, TAT COSTS FAR EXCEEDED ANTICIPATED
 AND AVAILABLE FUNDING. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST WAS
 SUBMITTED TO REGIONAL MANAGEMENT 13 MAY 1996.

E. SATA CONTRACTOR COMPLETED A ROUND OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 SAMPLING DURING THIS PERIOD. SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED FROM
 19 LOCATIONS AND DELIVERED 23 MAY 1996 TO WESTON
 ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, LIONVILLE, PA. SAMPLE RESULTS ARE
 DUE 7 JUNE TO BE FOLLOWED BY LETTERS TO THE RESIDENTS.

F. EXTERIOR WORK CONTINUED ADJACENT TO THE OFFICES OF HRD
 ALONG FRANKLIN AVE. RESTORATION ACTIVITIES WERE
 PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO FOLLOWS THE CREW
 FROM LOCATION TO LOCATION.

G. DOCUMENTED HERE IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM ATSDR (A 22 JAN
 96 IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE OSC) TO AGAIN
 CONSIDER LOWER TARGET CONTAMINATION LEVELS FOR SENSITIVE

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AREAS (E.G., PLAY AREAS). AS STATED IN THE 12 APRIL 1993 HEALTH CONSULTATION, ATSDR BELIEVES THAT THE INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION CLEANUP LEVELS MAY NOT BE PROTECTIVE IN ALL SITUATIONS. THE OSC HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER LOWER TAGRET LEVELS IN SENSITIVE SITUATIONS.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. EXTERIOR CLEANUP OPERATIONS WERE COMPLETED AT ALL LOCATIONS THIS PERIOD WITH SOD, MULCH, AND/OR STONE.
- B. OSC TOWLE CONTINUED TO ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR SAMPLING. AS POSSIBLE, THESE LOCATIONS WERE ADDRESSED BETWEEN 20 AND 23 MAY. HOWEVER, ANOTHER SAMPLING EVENT WILL BE NECESSARY SINCE SOME ORIGINAL LOCATIONS COULD NOT BE COMPLETED AND ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS WERE ADDED.
- C. OSC TOWLE CONTINUED TO SCHEDULE PROPERTIES FOR CLEANUP. THUS FAR, CLEANUPS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE WEEK OF 24 JUNE.
- D. SATA CONTRACTOR AND OSC REDEVELOP SITE FILE DOCUMENTATION TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING FIELD COMPUTERS. ALL DATA IS TO BE TRANSFERRED.

III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. CONTINUE SITE CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE RESIDENCES.
- B. CONTINUE COORDINATION OF AND SCHEDULING OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUPS.
- C. AWAIT ANALYTICAL RESULTS AND MAIL RESULTS TO RESIDENTS ALONG WITH DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

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